

The Church of the Red Rocks ~ United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Faith Community

January 26, 2025
Annual Meeting Sunday

*Congregation standing in body or in spirit

TO PONDER AS WE GATHER:

Keep the joy of loving God in your heart and share this joy with all whom you meet, especially in your family. ~ Mother Teresa

THE WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Whoever you are or wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.

PRELUDE

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

arr. Becki Slagle Mayo

*** THE CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on John 15) A. J. Cook

God speaks to each and every one of us.

Yet, some of us are better listeners than others.

God relies on each and every one of us.

Yet, some of us struggle with the demands of Christianity.

As people of God, we are to love God and love neighbor above everything else.

We are here today in response to that call. Praising God for all the love that has blessed our lives.

*** THE OPENING HYMN**

(vs. 1-3)

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Ivan Morales Nelle Moffett
Charis Mitchell Rick Bowers
Kathryn Ross

Also, we welcome back into the life of the church
Jim and Judy Reichert

THE TAOIST READING

From the works of Lao Tzu

Watch your thoughts, they become your words;
Watch your words, they become your actions;
Watch your actions, they become your habits;
Watch your habits, they become your character;
Watch your character, it becomes your destiny.

THE TIME FOR PRAYER

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

"How Firm A Foundation"

arr. Jason Krug

CRR Handbell Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 15: 1-20

A. J. Cook

Matthew 18: 1 - 3

SERMON

"An Unexpected Presence"

Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling

GIFT OF MUSIC

"The Fullness of God's Love"

arr. Benjamin Harlan

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

arr. Larry Shackley

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise God all creatures here below,
praise God above ye heavenly hosts.
Creator, Christ, Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

We thank you, O God, for you have given us the power of choice. On this day, we choose your love, O God, and because of this love we give so that others might receive. Bless these gifts, in Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN

*** PARTING HYMN** No. 327 *"Jesus Loves Me"* (vs. 1-2)

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"On Eagles's Wings"

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Please remain seated and in silence throughout the postlude.

Please stay for the Church Council Annual Meeting today after coffee hour.

We want to keep our beloved members and friends in our prayers. Please pray for:

Christy D. • RuthAnn R. • Gertrude M. • Lew H. • Nancy H. • Ronaldo • Davis H. • John & Antonia S. • John M. • Clair R. • Helene L • Chuck G. • Elaine G.

POTLUCK DINNERS ARE BACK!

We have all missed the potluck dinners. Our first one will on **Wednesday, February 5 at 5pm**. Bring a main or side dish, salad or dessert that serves eight. Everything else will be provided for. Our speakers will be **Marlys Mallet and Michael Redhawk** and they will gift us with a 30-minute presentation after dinner.

SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCHES ARE ALSO BACK

They will happen in March, June, September and December. More news to come as the day gets closer.

BIBLE STUDY

Meet the Prophets: Wednesdays in February at 10:30am

Jesus was very familiar with the scriptures and the prophets who saved Judaism from extinction. Can we see how the prophets influenced Jesus and his ministry? Join Pastor Guillermo for four weeks in February as he presents a brief overview of the Old Testament prophets, their artistic side, their sense of righteousness and the Jewish people they were trying to save from themselves.

We offer prayers and condolences to the families of **Wendell VerPloeg** and **Sally Gorski** who passed away in the recent weeks. They fought the good fight and are free of pain. They will be missed.

Visitors, before you leave, visit our welcome table and help us stay in contact with you by filling out the Visitor Contact Card.

OUR MISSION

Through Christian Worship, Education and Mission we share and celebrate Faith in God with all.

What's Going On

For more information about what is happening at the church visit our website or subscribe to the Canyon Echo, our weekly newsletter. If you are interested in any of our ministries or programs, contact Jussara Wagner at the church office. Here are a few of things happening this week:

Mon: 12:45pm The EDGE - Zoom Meeting
Tue: 11:00am Bible Study at Sedona Winds
Thu: 10:30am Craft Club
1:00pm Bible Study at CRR
3:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Fri: 9:00am Yin Yoga

Have questions or comments? Send us an e-mail at:

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www.ChurchoftheRedRocks.com

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Regular Office Hours: Tuesdays thru Fridays from 9am to 4pm

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Mrs. Suzanne Moore

The Rev. Dr. George Ault

Settled Pastor

Director of Music

Pianist

CRR Choir

Musician Emeritus

Pastor Emeritus

